

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1                    1.     An apparatus for blocking wind, the apparatus comprising  
2                    a flexible sheet having a length;  
3                    a plurality of rods, each having a length, coupled at intervals along the length  
4 of the flexible sheet, wherein the rods are disposed with the rods substantially parallel to each  
5 other, and wherein the rod lengths are substantially normal to the sheet length.
- 1                    2.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a fabric material.
- 1                    3.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a plastic material.
- 1                    4.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes metal.
- 1                    5.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes plastic.
- 1                    6.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible sheet has a width that is  
2 perpendicular to the direction of the flexible sheet's length, wherein the length of a rod is  
3 substantially the same size as the width of the flexible sheet.
- 1                    7.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are fixedly coupled to the  
2 flexible sheet.
- 1                    8.     The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are detachably coupled to  
2 the flexible sheet.
- 1                    9.     The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising  
2 an attachment mechanism at the end of a first rod for receiving a second-tier  
3 rod to produce a rod combination along the direction of the length of the first rod.
- 1                    10.    The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising  
2 a dual receiving mechanism attached to the attachment mechanism at the end  
3 of the first rod for allowing multiple second tier rods to be attached to the first sheet.

1                    11.     A method for dispensing a wind screen, wherein the wind screen  
2 includes a flexible sheet of material having a length and a width, wherein stakes are attached  
3 at intervals to the sheet so that the stakes are perpendicular to the length of the flexible sheet,  
4 the method comprising  
5                    forming the wind screen into a roll;  
6                    unrolling at least a portion of the wind screen; and  
7                    separating the at least a portion of the unrolled wind screen from the rolled  
8 wind screen.

1                    12.     An apparatus for securing a windscreen to a supporting stake, the  
2 windscreen including first and second rods attached to a flexible material, the stake suitable  
3 for being vertically supported by ground, the apparatus comprising  
4                    first and second attachment portions for attaching the first and second rods so  
5 that the rods are held adjacent and substantially parallel to each other; and  
6                    a third attachment portion coupled to the first and second attachment portions,  
7 wherein the third attachment portion allows mounting of the apparatus to the stake.

1                    13.     The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held  
2 by the apparatus in a position above, and substantially parallel to, the stake.

1                    14.     The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second rods are held  
2 by the apparatus substantially in-line with a length of the stake.

1                    15.     The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is integral with the  
2 stake.

1                    16.     The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is removably coupled  
2 to the stake.

1                    17.     The apparatus of claim 12, wherein an attachment portion includes a  
2 hole for receiving an end of a rod.